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relating to any of these issues is determined during the course of the interview, such information shall be forwarded to the investigations unit for appropriate action. If no unresolved derogatory information is determined relating to these issues, the petition shall be approved and the conditional basis of the alien's permanent resident status removed, regardless of any action taken or contemplated regarding other possible grounds for deportation.

(d) Decision—(1) Approval. If, after initial review or after the interview, the director approves the petition, he or she will remove the conditional basis of the alien's permanent resident status as of the second anniversary of the alien's entry as a conditional permanent resident. He or she shall provide written notice of the decision to the alien and shall require the alien to report to the appropriate district office for processing for a new Alien Registration Receipt Card, Form I-551, at which time the alien shall surrender any Alien Registration Receipt Card previously issued.

(2) Denial. If, after initial review or after the interview, the director denies the petition, he or she shall provide written notice to the alien of the decision and the reason(s) therefor, and shall issue an order to show cause why the alien should not be deported from the United States. The alien's lawful permanent resident status and that of his or her spouse and any children shall be terminated as of the date of the director's written decision. The alien shall also be instructed to surrender any Alien Registration Receipt Card previously issued by the Service. No appeal shall lie from this decision; however, the alien may seek review of the decision in deportation proceedings. In deportation proceedings, the burden shall rest with the Service to establish by a preponderance of the evidence that the facts and information in the alien's petition for removal of conditions are not true and that the petition was properly denied.

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§217.1 Scope.

The Visa Waiver Pilot Program is established solely pursuant to the provisions of section 217 of the Act and subject to all conditions and restrictions stipulated in that section, including those relating to the length of the program and the number of countries which may be designated as Visa Waiver Pilot Program countries.

§217.2 Eligibility.

- (a) General. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 212(a)(7)(B)(i)(II) of the Act, a nonimmigrant visa may be waived for an alien who is a national of a country enumerated in §217.5 of this part regardless of place of residence or point of embarkation who:
- (1) Is classifiable as a visitor as defined in section 101(a)(15)(B) of the Act;
- (2) Seeks admission to the United States for a period not to exceed ninety days:
- (3) Is in possession of a valid passport issued by a designated country;
- (4) Is in possession of a completed and signed Form I-94W, Nonimmigrant Visa Waiver Arrival/Departure Form;
- (5) Waives any right otherwise provided in the Act to administrative or judicial review or appeal of an immigration officer's determination as to his or her admissibility other than on the basis of an application for asylum in the United States as provided in section 208 of the Act; and
- (6) Waives any right to contest any action for deportation, other than on the basis of an application for asylum in the United States as provided in section 208 of the Act.